

Winter Wonderland Party for Preschoolers

Don't let your preschooler get the winter time blahs. Instead, come to the Wilderness Station for a wintry, wondrous celebration. Join in on winter-themed games, crafts and treats!

Ages: 3 – 5 years
Dates: Saturday, January 22, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Wilderness Station
Fee: \$3
Contact: Wilderness Station, 217 – 3017
Registration Required.

Wild Things

Frogs, birds, and bugs...oh my! Salamanders, snakes, and squirrels that fly! Toddlers learn to play and sing, and take home crafts with nature themes. Adventures made one-size fits all...so tots and parents can have a ball!

Ages: 1 – 4 years with adult
Day: Wednesdays
Times: 9:30 a.m. (Call on the Tuesday before for reservations.)
Location: Wilderness Station
Fee: \$3.00
Contact: Wilderness Station, 217 – 3017. Reservation required.

Growing Up Wild

Has your toddler "graduated" from Wild Things and is looking for the next step? Growing Up Wild is an internationally used program developed by Project Wild that helps explore nature with young children to foster an interest and appreciation of wildlife and the natural world around them. Come join us for a Wild Time!

Ages: 3 – 6 years with adult
Day: Wednesdays
Time: 10:30 a.m. (Call on the Tuesday before for reservations.)
Location: Wilderness Station
Fee: \$3.00
Contact: Wilderness Station, 217 – 3017. Reservation required.

FREE Backpacks for Education!

The Greenway and Wilderness Station are now offering free educational backpacks for morning and afternoon checkout. These backpacks are a great way to introduce your children or students to nature. Whether you're a teacher or interested parent, our educational backpacks offer fun and learning to children of all ages. Each backpack has a theme and includes specific learning material and programs surrounding the theme. The themes are: Birds, Trees, Insects, and Wildflowers. So pick your favorite subject and get outside to explore and learn about Tennessee's beautiful wilderness. Backpacks may be checked out at the Wilderness Station at Barfield Crescent Park.

Talking Stick

Learn the secret behind an Indian Talking Stick as we listen to Native American tales. Then hike for some natural materials, and make your own Native American "Talking Stick" to take home with you.

Ages: 5 – 8 years
Dates: Saturday, January 29, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Wilderness Station
Fee: \$3
Contact: Wilderness Station, 217 – 3017.
Registration Required.



Owl Wisdom

What is your owl IQ? Join us as we take a look at these amazing animals and unlock some interesting facts. Then roll up your sleeves and dissect an owl pellet to see what was for dinner. It's gross but so much fun!

Ages: 8 – 12 years
Dates: Saturday, February 5, 2011
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Wilderness Station
Fee: \$5 (\$3 + \$2 activity fee)
Contact: Wilderness Station, 217 – 3017.
Registration Required.

Snow Moon

Gather around as we share Nicholas Brunelle's magical winter story, *Snow Moon*, and get inspired to learn more about owls and how they survive the winter. Then make a special owl craft to take home.

Ages: 3 – 6 years
Dates: Saturday, February 12, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Wilderness Station
Fee: \$3
Contact: Wilderness Station, 217 – 3017.
Registration Required.

Unplug and Read at the Wilderness Station

We are celebrating literacy. Bring your family and join us as we read a book together and then enjoy a related activity.

Ages: All
Dates: Saturday, February 19, 2011
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Wilderness Station
Fee: Free
Contact: Wilderness Station, 217 – 3017.
Registration Required.

Bird Hike and Coffee Talk

Search for winter resident birds of Barfield Crescent Park with a park naturalist and then stay for a cup of migratory bird – friendly coffee and visit with friends new and old. Please bring your own binoculars if you have them. We have a few to lend out on a first-come, first-served basis. All levels of experience are welcome and appreciated. Reservations are required.

Ages: 6 and up
 Dates: Saturday, December 11th, 2010, and January 8th, 2011
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Fee: Free
 Contact: Wilderness Station, 217 – 3017.

Bird Club

The great city of Murfreesboro now has its very own bird club! This group meets monthly at different locations all around the city. We welcome all levels of experience and encourage anyone who is interested in birds and bird behavior to join us! Please call the Wilderness Station for monthly dates and times, 217 – 3017. We look forward to seeing you!

Wilderness Station Room Rentals & Birthday Parties!

Celebrate in the comfort and fun atmosphere of the Wilderness Station's Retreat Room! Whether young or young at heart, plan your next event or birthday party conveniently at Barfield Crescent Park's Wilderness Station! For details, go on-line. To make a reservation, you must call 615-217-3017.

Wilderness Station Winter Hours:

Sunday: 12 pm - 5 pm

Mon: 9 am – 12 pm

Tues – Sat: 9 am – 5 pm

Winter Night Hike

Bundle up and head out on a naturalist-led night hike on the paved trails of Barfield Crescent Park. A lot of things are moving about on these chilly nights making a winter adventure to remember. Listen for the howls of coyotes and the calls of the resident owls. View the bright stars and the frozen landscape. Finish the evening out back at the Wilderness Station around a cozy fire and enjoy a warm drink and roasted marshmallows. Registration Required.

Ages: All
 Dates: Saturdays, January 22, February 5, 2011
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Fee: \$3.00, ages 3 and under are free.
 Contact: Wilderness Station, 217 – 3017.

Animal Encounters

What is that crawling, slithering, sliding, flying, and hopping across the trail or even in your backyard? Each week we will look at one of our resident education animals for a mini lesson of animals that call Tennessee home. Come out and meet the best teachers we have – the animals!

Ages: All
 Day: Saturdays
 **No Animal Encounters: December 25th or January 1st **
 Time: 1:30 – 2 p.m.
 Location: Wilderness Station
 Fee: Free
 Contact: Wilderness Station, 217-3017

Teachers, Homeschoolers & Scouts

Field Trips & Field Studies for your group:

We have added several new programs to share with your group. We can now accommodate large classes or small rotational groups. All programs are correlated with state standards or can be adjusted to satisfy badge requirements. Contact Rachel Singer for a complete list of programs and locations at 217-3017. Also, you may e-mail rsinger@murfreesborotn.gov or check out our website at www.murfreesborotn.gov/parks under Greenway & Wetlands or Wilderness Station.